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<u> APR - 6 2006</u> AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER (Large Entity) Docket No. Applicant(s): Norman W. Robson, et al. FIS9-2003-0257-US1 Application No. Filing Date Examiner Customer No. Group Art Unit Confirmation No. 10/605,169 9/12/2003 Nghia M. Doan 32,074 2825 2168 USING A PARTIAL METAL LEVEL MASK FOR EARLY TEST RESULTS Invention: **COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:** Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application. The fee has been calculated and is transmitted as shown below. **CLAIMS AS AMENDED** CLAIMS REMAINING HIGHEST # NUMBER EXTRA ADDITIONAL RATE AFTER AMENDMENT PREV. PAID FOR CLAIMS PRESENT FEE TOTAL CLAIMS 19 20 0 X \$50.00 \$0.00 INDEP. CLAIMS 3 0 \$200.00 \$0.00 Multiple Dependent Claims (check if applicable) \$0.00 TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT \$0.00 No additional fee is required for amendment. ☐ Please charge Deposit Account No. in the amount of A check in the amount of to cover the filing fee is enclosed. Mark The Director is hereby authorized to charge payment of the following fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account Any additional filing fees required under 37 C.F.B. 1.16. Any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR 1.17. Payment by credit card. Form PTO-2038. WARNING: Information on this form may become public. Credit card information should not be included on this form. Provide credit card information and authorization on PTO-2038. Dated: April 6, 2006 H. Daniel Schnurmann Registration No.: 35,791 Telephone No.: 845-894-2481 Fax No.: 845-892-6363 CERTIFICATION OF FACSIMILE TRANSMISSION: I bereby certify that this correspondence is being facsimile transmitted to the USPTO on the date shown below: Date of Transmission: 4/6/2006 Name of Person Making Transmission: Nicole Barrese cc:

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### **AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents P. O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action dated January 26, 2006, the following Amendment is being submitted to place the above-identified application in prima facie condition for allowance.

Kindly amend the following claims and consider the Remarks that follow: